



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2009
REGULAR MEETING
City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Sally Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Present: Sally Harrison, Randy Parrow and Kevin Hudson.
Cindy Ball and Brett Costley were excused absent.

Staff Present: Bob Young, City Administrator; Jeff Bennett, City Attorney;
Frank Grace, Chief of Police; Bob Ruhl, Public Works Director; Joann Glass,
Admin. & Financial Services Manager/City Recorder

Press: Rebecca McGaugh, The Independent, LLC; Scott Laird, Vernonia's Voice

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Additions: Ordinance/Resolution Add B. Airport Name Change

Randy Parrow moved to accept the agenda with the addition. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Mayor Report

A. Letter from Ralph Keasey; Re: Vernonia Cemetery Beautification Committee

B. Letter from Ellen Meyer; Re: Vernonia Cemetery Beautification Committee

Mayor Harrison accepted the resignation of Ralph Keasey and Ellen Meyer from the Vernonia Cemetery Beautification Committee.

C. Letter from Gerie Reynolds Re: Thank You

Mayor Harrison read a letter from Gerie Reynolds, Anderson Park Host, expressing her Thanks for all the support from everyone. She will be returning as Park Host May 2010.

4. Councilor/Committee Reports and Minutes

A. Public Works Committee – Kevin Hudson

Kevin reported that there was a stormwater workshop on the 6th. The approved minutes for the next meeting will give a report.

B. Library Board – Randy Parrow

Randy reported that he is not able to attend the Library Board meetings because of the time that they meet.

C. VCLC Committee – Randy Parrow

Randy will be able to attend the meeting next month.

D. Parks Committee – Brett Costley

E. Cemetery Beatification Committee – Cindy Ball

F. Airport Committee – Sally Harrison

Sally reported that the Airport Committee will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

G. Economic Development Committee – Sally Harrison

The Committee has been working on the passing of the School Bond.
H. Planning Commission Minutes from October 1, 2009

5. Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation

Persons addressing the Council must state their name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the entire City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.

There were no Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation

6. Consent Agenda

A. City Council Minutes – October 5, 2009

B. Cash Disbursements – October 15, 2009

Kevin Hudson moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business at the October 19, 2009 meeting.

8. Business from Departments

A. Police

1. VPD Calls for Service 2009

2. Updates

Chief Grace explained to Council a graph showing the VPD Calls for Service and Traffic Stops. Chief Grace gave to Council an update sheet reporting on the following: Washington and Columbia County Burglaries, Laser Pointed into House, Stabbing Victim taken to Hospital, Columbia County Sheriffs Office, Cougar Sighting, Resource Partners Meeting, Dog Bite, Police Department Blotter, and Molotov Cocktails.

B. City Administrator

Bob Young, reported on the Finance audit that is being done by Tanya Larken. Numbers are materially correct, items in correct fund; not sure of as of this date. Tanya has recommended that payroll have its own account as well as the restricted funds rather than all be in one checking account. This will provide security of each account rather than all moneys in one large account.

C. Public Works Director

1. Discussion – Washington Street Paving Project

Bob Ruhl discussed with Council the bid process for the Washington Street Paving Project. The Council was asked, by the City Engineer of Record, to award the Washington Street Paving Project to Hoss Paving Inc. for the total bid of \$36,0003.

Randy Parrow moved “That the Council approve the award of Contract to Hoss Paving, Inc. for the Washington Street Paving Project and authorize the City Administrator to take the necessary actions to maximize use of the available funding sources.” The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Ordinances/Resolutions

A. Discussion – Modify Ordinance 842

The Public Works Committee gave to Council a draft of the recommended changes to Ordinance 842, “An Ordinance establishing a City Public Works Committee and prescribing its powers and duties for the City of Vernonia,

Oregon”, to better reflect the committee and the powers and duties of the committee.

Council asked that staff check the wording of the other Committee Ordinances and how they compare to reflect the changes that the Public Works Committee is asking for and give report at the next Council meeting.

B. Airport Name Change

The Airport Committee requested that Council approve a name change for the Vernonia Airfield to Vernonia Municipal Airport. The Committee will report to the FAA the name change.

Kevin Hudson moved “that the Vernonia Airfield name be changed to Vernonia Municipal Airport.” The motion was seconded and passed.

10. Items from Mayor, Councilors, and City Administrator

Kevin Hudson reported that the Public Works Committee regular meeting will be October 27, 2009. The meeting on the 6th was a special meeting.

Randy Parrow reported that they are proud parents of a 15 year old exchange student from Russia.

Bob Young reported that he had a very productive conversation with representatives from ODOT about the crosswalks, green bridge and the trail from Scappoose to Vernonia.

11. Recess to Executive Session as per ORS 192.660 (2)(e)

A member of the news media or designee may not disclose any information from executive session.

Mayor Sally Harrison called a recess to Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(e) at 7:47 pm

12. Return to Open Session for Final Action

Council returned to Open Session with no final action to report from Executive Session.

Adjournment: The October 19, 2009 Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

City Council Minutes for October 19, 2009 were approved November 2, 2009